

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005. Claims 19-42 were examined. Claims 19-21, 25-28 and 40-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Durham et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,574) in view of Cai et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0124230). Claims 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 29-39 are allowed. Claims 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

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Claim 40 is amended to recite allowable subject matter of claim 29. Applicants respectfully maintain that amended claim 40 distinguishes over the references of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 40 and all claims dependent thereon, be withdrawn.

Claim 42 is amended consistent with amendments to claim 40.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 29-39 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 29-39. Claims 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 22-24. Claim 19 is amended to include allowable subject matter of claim 22 to put the case in condition for allowance. Claims 21 and 22 are cancelled.

New claim 43 is added reciting subject matter indicated as allowable with respect to claim 29.

New claim 44 is added reciting subject matter indicated as allowable with respect to claim 31.

Summary

Claims 19, 20, 23-44 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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